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Dear friends,

Christmas is a season of hope. I am grateful to God for the hope His Son has provided, the great joy and celebration of His birth ,and the renewed confidence that He is faithful.

The past year has provided many reasons to trust him more. It was bittersweet to see my brother pass away, yet I am truly thankful to God for all those who spoke words of comfort and hope. He has provided what you prayed for, and I am ever grateful for the prayers of the saints.

Thinking about the last year and the years before, I can see that God is in the business of answering prayer. With this in mind I am asking for your prayer support. Looking toward graduation from Moody Bible Institute in May, I have realized that I need His people to intercede for me. The Lord has given me a burden for the inner cities of America and for Russia. I am so grateful for the training that I have received to minister in these places.

For the last six months, I have lived in a Chicago neighborhood which is filled with uncertainty and even at times danger. Not long ago, two little boys playing in a yard down the street were sprayed with gunfire from a passing car. One boy got inside the house, but the other was hit and will never walk again. He was targetted because his brother was part of a drug deal that went sour. As I play basketball with guys in the neighborhood and build deeper relationships, I pray for them that they will find the hope that Jesus brought long ago in a manger, upon the cross, and finally out of the tomb.

As you know, I have been praying about going to the former Soviet Union (and Russia in particular) for several years now -- you may have prayed for me when I went there two summers ago. In the next two months, I will be making some critical decisions concerning organizations, timing, and ministry focus. Your prayers are essential at this pivotal time in my life. Please consider becoming a prayer partner with me. The prayer calendar on back could be put on your refrigerator, next to a mirror, in your Bible, or on your car dash board as a reminder to pray. I would greatly appreciate your commitment to pray daily, weekly, or even monthly. In April, I will send you an update on these plans and requests that we will be praying about together.

It is my pleasure to send you my wishes for a Christmas full of Hope.

In Christ,

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Sunday: DECISIONS AND WISDOM Join me in asking God to give me great wisdom, well beyond my years. Ask the Lord to make it clear about plans concerning Russia: what organization, when, and ministry focus ?

Monday: BASKETBALL OUTREACH Pray that the boys I "shoot hoops" with will find Christ as I build deeper relationships with them. Ask God to open up their hearts to trust me, as well as Christ.

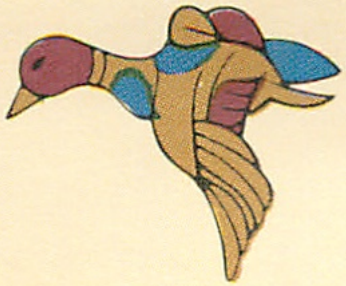
Tuesday: DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY As I lead the discipleship program for teenaged boys at Judson Baptist Church, pray that God would give me wisdom and that they would grow in knowing the depth of God's love and grace and produce spiritual fruit.

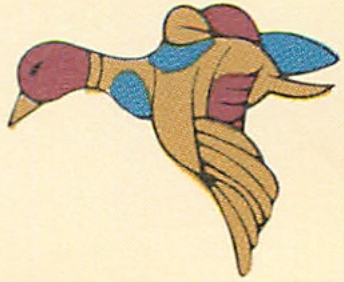
Wednesday: GRADUATING FROM MOODY Pray that I will finish my studies well, that I will be disciplined, and that God will prepare my heart as well as my mind to serve Him.

Thursday: MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD May knowing God personally in greater depth and zeal be my first priority. Pray that God will give me the strength to guard my precious time with Him.

Friday: RELATIONSHIPS Pray for the team of people that I will go to Russia with and for the life partner and mate that God will someday give me (God knows who they are!).

Saturday: RUSSIA Pray that the hearts of people would remain open. Ask God to guard the hearts of the Russian people from false cults, new age doctrine, and the god of materialism.





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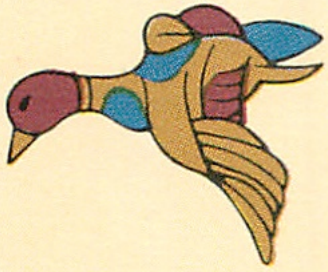

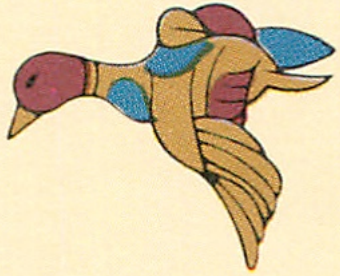

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